

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2006 imposing a Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the Group II invention corresponding to Claims 4-20, which are directed to methods of performing surgery.

In the Response, Claims 10, 19 and 20 have been amended to address informalities therein and dependent Claim 21 has been added. Claim 21 depends from elected method Claim 4 and thus examination thereof is respectfully requested.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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